

# Provider Alert



Providers should no longer keep **Syrup of Ipecac** in their First Aid kits and should dispose of any bottles they currently have.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has notified the Department of Early Education and Care that, following the American Academy of Pediatrics' announcement this week, the Regional Center for Poison Control and Prevention will no longer recommend syrup of ipecac as a treatment for any potential poisoning. The public will also be advised to no longer keep ipecac in the home.

EEC will be amending its child care regulations to reflect this change.

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If you have a poisoning emergency, call Poison Control **1-800-222-1222**

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## *For more information*

- About **EEC regulations**, call your licensor or EEC at (617) 988-6600
- About child health and safety for child care providers, call **MaxCare**, the Massachusetts' Department of Public Health's program for Maximizing the Health and Safety of Children in Out-of-Home Care at 800 487-1119
- About the **American Academy of Pediatrics** news release about Ipecac, <http://www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/novpoison.htm>

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